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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, ECMIN RAISED SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL WITH AMBASSADOR MONDELLO (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY) ON MAY 3. MONDELLO REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED U.S. PROPOSAL AT SOME LENGTH WITH FORLANI (MONDELLO DID NOT INDICATE TO WHAT EXTENT THERE HAD BEEN MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS) BUT

HAD REACHED NO CONCLUSION. AT HIS REQUEST, ECMIN CLARIFIED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRESENT PROPOSAL AND ORIGINAL IDEA OF 3-YEAR \$1.5 BILLION CONSORTION. MONDELLO REPEATED FORLANI'S COMMENTS THAT ITALY WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITHIN EC BEFORE MAKING ANY RESPONSE.

- 2. AT MONDELLO'S REQUEST, EMBASSY PROVIDED AIDE MEMOIRE WITH OUTLINE OF U.S. PROPOSAL AND RATIONALE. MONDELLO ASSURED ECMIN THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED AMONG GOI LEADERS ON THE WAY TO LONDON SUMMIT.
- 3. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT CONVERSATION, EMBASSY RECEIVED REF C. NOTE WAS TRANSMITTED TO MONDELLO, WITH WHOM EMBASSY WAS NOT, HOWEVER, ABLE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY BECAUSE OF MONDELLO'S INVOLVEMENT IN SUMMIT PREPARATIONS (MONDELLO LEFT ROME WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MORNING MAY 5). TREASURY ATTACHE ALSO GAVE COPY OF NOTE AND AID MEMOIRE TO TREASURY DIRECTOR GENERAL PALUMBO MAY 4.GARDNER

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